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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Appended to an application we received from David Werner was a copy of your letter of October 10, 1975 to Kenneth Newell at WHO. Two things about that letter caught my attention.

One was a delightful moment of recall of the finest course I ever had -- one called, I believe, Microbial Genetics at Madison in days long gone when I was of the opinion that mastery of pure biochemistry was the apex of intellectual achievement.

The other was to see at least a snatch of your concern about the frustrations of Third World health care. The world needs to divert the thrust of intellects like yours in that direction. Your support of Werner is therefore heartening.

What he has been promoting is closely related to my own main efforts of the past 18 years, and reviewing his work to date I would have only one quarrel with it. With three-quarters of the 7.5×10^5 child deaths per year in this hemisphere being nutritionally predicated, there is disappointingly little in the way of practical nutritional information in Donde No Hay Doctor. But there could be a great deal. It is a failing to which Mahler of WHO has recently called attention with appropriate bluntness.

One kind of attack on clinical nutrition problems that is widely adaptable to programs like Werner's is described in the enclosed manuscript which will appear in the next issue

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of the Journal of Tropical Pediatrics and Environmental
Child Health. If you have reactions to it, I'd like to
hear them.

It was good to run into you again if only through the
accidents created by invention of Xerox machines.



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Enclosure

cc: Dr. H. P. Mahler, Director-General, WHO
Mr. David Werner, Hesperian Foundation
Dr. Moises Behar, WHO